

A PASTORAL.

"Gentle shepherds, tell me, pray, Has my Colin come this way? He chants a rustic riddle...

A PEEP BEHIND THE SCREEN.

From the Pall Mall Gazette. It is an old saying that half the world does not know how the other half lives...

"His Satanic Majesty purposes holding a series of banquets, levees, and drawing-rooms at Pandemonium during the ensuing autumn...

"The next peep afforded will explain in a more or less satisfactory manner a phenomenon which must have attracted some notice...

"The two ladies who met a gentleman between the Minorities and Blackwall railway station on Tuesday last, about one o'clock...

"There is a striking vagueness of description; for it would have been more remarkable had the ladies, under the circumstances, been dressed in a more elaborate costume...

"The lady who was at Baker Street Station at half-past seven on Monday evening, 13th, and who took a train proceeding west, wearing a black dress...

"The young lady at the Upper Refreshment Rooms, Agricultural Show, for whom a trumpet was bought, is requested to send her address to A. Z., 45 Box, Post Office, C."

Surely a tale hangs thereby. Surely it tells how a rustic swain came to London for the cattle show, received a philtre in his refresh-

ments, drank in sweet poison with his bitter ale, and thought to terminate his flirtation with a flourish of trumpets...

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Two or three peeps may now be afforded to prove that unconventional methods of proceeding, where the two sexes are concerned, appear sometimes to entail trouble and disappointment...

"It is not often that any one has the opportunity of 'calling himself a gentleman,' but when such an opportunity has offered itself, it must be doubly galling to be described as 'a party.'"

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tion to the one on Mount Zion—received, it is said, through a Levitical priest, sent to them from Babylon, a copy of the Pentateuch written in the old Hebrew character.

Owing to the jealousy of the Samaritans, and the Jewish spirit with which they have always regarded their writings, until within the last twenty years, it has been a difficult matter to obtain any of their manuscripts. Within the period referred to, however, a change has come over the spirit of the Samaritans; and the volumes, now in the British Museum, have been obtained.

Dr. Levison, who, though a member of the Russo-Greek Church, is of Hebrew origin, and familiar with the Samaritan, as well as with the Masoretic Hebrew, aided by a learned assistant, devoted much time to his highly-prized manuscript, and we believe proposed to reproduce it in fac-simile for the benefit of the leading European libraries.

This work of Dr. Levison, which should be far advanced now, is of great importance, and cannot fail to awaken the liveliest interest among those who search the Scriptures in the original. The learned professor avers that he has "netted down ten thousand variations" from the received Hebrew text.

The age of the manuscripts from which the Samaritan Pentateuch, in the Walton Polyglot, was derived, is quite uncertain. Some scholars have attributed them to the Macedonian period. The one in possession of Dr. Levison, thus far, seems to be a veritable antique, and may be expected to shed some light upon those which have preceded it.

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SEALED PROPOSALS will be received for the following work and materials required in the execution of the WALNUT STREET portion of the PUBLIC BUILDINGS, to-wit: For all the excavations, including the trenches for the foundations. The price to be stated per cubic yard, which is to cover all digging, hauling away the surplus earth, and cutting down and removing whatever trees may come in the way of the excavations, without extra measurement or allowance.

For taking down the terrace wall, cleaning the bricks, and piling them up adjacent to the buildings, taking down the iron railings, the gate posts, the coping of the wall and the steps, and depositing them on the grounds, and removing all the rubbish occasioned by the same. The price for this portion of the work to be stated in gross.

For concreting the entire foundation of the buildings with small broken stone, and cement, mortar, and grout, in conformity with the specifications. The depth of the concrete to be three feet, and the lateral dimensions to conform to the plans. The price to be stated per cubic foot, and to include all materials and labor.

For furnishing and delivering large-size building stone, the price to be stated per perch of 22 cubic feet, measured in the walls. Also, for select building stone, averaging 8 by 5 feet, and from 18 to 18 inches thick; the price for the same to be stated per cubic foot, delivered on the ground.

For building all the cellar walls, and the outside walls of the basement story, as high as the level line of the pavement, according to the plans and specifications. The price to be stated per perch of 32 cubic feet, laid in the walls, without extra measurement, and to include all labor and all materials except stone.

The contract or contracts will be awarded to the best and the lowest bidder or bidders, who will be required to give approved security for the faithful performance of the same.

The plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Architect, Mr. JOHN McARTHUR, Jr., No. 406 S. SIXTH STREET.

The proposals to be sealed and endorsed "Proposals for Public Buildings," and addressed to JAMES V. WATSON, Chairman of the Committee on Contracts, and to be left at the office of the Commissioners of Public Buildings, in the new Court House, SIXTH Street, below Chestnut, on the 14th day of February next ensuing, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock A. M., at which time the bids will be opened, in the presence of such bidders as may wish to attend.

By order of the Committee on Contracts. H. C. PUGH, Secretary. 1 19 wfm 118

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PROPOSALS FOR STAMPED ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. Sealed Proposals will be received until 3 P. M. on the 1st day of MARCH, 1870, for furnishing all the "Stamped Envelopes and Newspaper Wrappers" which this Department may require during a period of four years, commencing 1st of July, 1870, viz.:

STAMPED ENVELOPES. No. 1. Note size, 3 1/2 by 4 1/2 inches, of white paper. No. 2. Ordinary letter size, 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches, of white, buff, canary, or cream-colored paper, or in such proportion of either as may be required.

No. 3. Full letter size (ungummed on flap, for circulars), 8 1/2 by 11 inches, of the same colors as No. 2, and under a like condition as to the proportion of each. No. 4. Full letter size, 8 1/2 by 11 inches, of same colors as No. 2, and under a like condition as to the proportion of each.

No. 5. Extra letter size (ungummed on flap, for circulars), 9 1/2 by 12 inches, of same colors as No. 2, and under a like condition as to the proportion of each. No. 6. Extra letter size, 9 1/2 by 12 inches, of same colors as No. 2, and under a like condition as to the proportion of each.

No. 7. Official size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches, of same colors as No. 2, and under a like condition as to the proportion of each. No. 8. Extra official size, 4 1/2 by 7 1/2 inches, of same colors as No. 2, and under a like condition as to the proportion of each.

NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS. 6 1/2 by 9 1/2 inches, of buff or manilla paper. No. 2. The above envelopes and wrappers to be embossed with postage stamps of such denominations, styles, and colors, and to bear such printing on the face, and to be made in the most thorough manner, of paper of approved quality, manufactured by machinery for the purpose, with such water marks or other devices to prevent imitation as the Postmaster-General may direct.

The envelopes to be thoroughly and perfectly gummed, the gumming on the flap of each (except for circulars) to be put on not less than half an inch in width the entire length of the flap, and to be gummed not less than three-fourths of an inch in width across the end.

All envelopes and wrappers must be banded in parcels of twenty-five, and packed in strong pasteboard or straw boxes, each to contain not less than two hundred and fifty envelopes, or extra letter size, and one hundred each of the official or extra official size, separately. The newspaper wrappers to be packed in boxes to contain not less than five hundred and fifty each. The boxes are to be wrapped and sealed, or securely fastened in strong manilla paper, so as to safely bear transportation, by mail, by rail, or by express.

When two thousand or more envelopes are required to fill the order of a postmaster, the straw or pasteboard boxes containing the same must be packed in strong wooden cases, well strapped with hoop-iron, and addressed; but when less than two thousand are required, proper labels with direction to the postmaster, as agent of the Department, must be placed upon each package by the contractor. Wooden cases, containing envelopes, must be provided with suitable water-proofing. The whole to be done under the inspection and direction of an agent of the Department.

The envelopes and wrappers must be furnished and delivered with all reasonable despatch, complete in all respects, ready for use, and in such quantities as may be required to fill the orders of postmasters; the deliveries to be made either at the Post Office Department, at Washington, D. C., or at the office of an agent duly authorized by the Postmaster-General; the place of delivery to be at the option of the Postmaster-General, and the cost of delivering as well as all expenses of transportation, dressing, labeling, and water-proofing, to be paid by the contractor.

Bidders are notified that the Department will require, as a condition of the contract, that the envelopes and wrappers shall be manufactured and stored in such manner as to ensure security against loss by fire or theft. The manufacturer must at all times be subject to the inspection of an agent of the Department, who will require the stipulations of the contract to be faithfully observed.

The dies for embossing the postage stamps on the envelopes and wrappers are to be executed to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General, in the best style, and they are to be provided, renewed, and kept in order at the expense of the contractor. The Department reserves the right of requiring new dies for any stamp or denomination of postage stamps used, and any changes of dies or colors shall be made without extra charge.

Specimens of envelopes and wrappers now in use may be seen at any of the principal post offices, but these specimens are not to be regarded as a standard fixed by the Department as a standard for the new contract; bidders are therefore invited to submit samples of other and different qualities and styles, including the paper proposed to be used, and the manner of dressing, labeling, and water-proofing, to be paid by the contractor.

The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose proposal, although it be not the lowest, is considered most advantageous to the Department, taking into account the price, quality of the samples, workmanship, and the ability of the bidder to manufacture and deliver the envelopes and wrappers in accordance with the terms of this contract, and in such quantities as may be required, and in such quantities as may be considered unnecessary accompanied by a sufficient and satisfactory guarantee. The Postmaster-General also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, in his judgment, to be made, and to award the contract to any other bidder.

Before closing a contract the successful bidder may be required to prepare new dies, and submit impressions thereof. THE USE OF THE FASTEST DIES MAY OR MAY NOT BE CONTINUED.

Bonds, with approved and sufficient sureties, in the sum of \$50,000, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as required by the seventeenth section of the act of Congress, approved the 26th of August, 1852, and the new contract, if awarded, will be made quarterly, after proper adjustment of accounts.

The Postmaster-General reserves to himself the right to annul the contract whenever the same, or any part thereof, is offered for sale for the purpose of procuring the same, or to transfer the contract to any party who shall be, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, less able to fulfill the conditions thereof than the original contractor. The right is also reserved to annul the contract for a failure to perform faithfully any of its stipulations.

The number of envelopes of different sizes, and of wrappers issued to Postmasters during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1869, was as follows, viz.:

No. 1. Note size—1,114,000. No. 2. Ordinary letter size; (not heretofore used)—4,100,000. No. 3. Full letter size, (ungummed, for circulars)—4,100,000. No. 4. Full letter size—57,567,000. No. 5. Extra letter size—4,904,500. No. 6. Extra letter size—4,904,500. No. 7. Official size—604,600. No. 8. Extra official size—1700.

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